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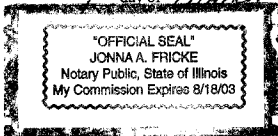
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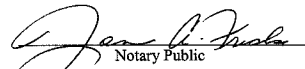
COUNTY OF MCLEAN)

James R. Hargrave, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Assistant Vice President-Public Policy & External Affairs for Verizon North Inc.; that he is authorized by Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for and Statement in Support of the Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Between Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. and Nextel West Corp. and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Assistant Vice President-
Public Policy & External Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this
1 day of March 2002.




Notary Public

My commission expires: 8/18/03